

REMARKS

Summary of the Advisory Action

Claims 7-17 stand withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 3 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement.

All rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) have been withdrawn.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants cancel rejected claims 3 and 4 without prejudice or disclaimer. Also, withdrawn claims 7-17 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 18 remain currently pending and under consideration.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 3 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants have canceled claims 3 and 4 without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering this rejection moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph are respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

In the Final Office Action dated December 14, 2007, claims 1, 3-6 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Takahashi, claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Andris, and claims 1, 3, 5, 6 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin. At page 1

of the Advisory Action dated April 4, 2007, the Examiner notes that all rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 have been overcome by Applicants' previously-filed reply. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that all rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION


In view of the foregoing discussion, Applicants respectfully request the entry of the amendments to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, in the alternative, in better form for appeal. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution. A favorable action is awaited.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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